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MEMORANDUM FOR: [_____] Deputy Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Telephone Conversation with Mr. Tim Ingram

1. I received a telephone call at home last night from Tim Ingram, Staff Director of the Abzug Committee. Tim noted that you had briefly called him to alert him to the index problem regarding HTLINGUAL. Ingram asked me for a fill in on the matter, and I recounted what we have learned thus far. Ingram noted that the Committee had also been puzzled by an apparent discrepancy in the testimony regarding the number of index entries as opposed to the number of mail covers. He said their initial impression was that each index entry must have constituted a notation of multiple entries. I pointed out that the initial assumption of this Agency was that all letters and covers had been indexed, and it was not until the continued review of all letters that the discrepancy recently came to light. I stressed that as far as we can tell thus far the total number of letters remains constant, and the only issue is how many of the covers were indexed.

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2. I also pointed out that thus far research indicates that only the [_____] case is directly affected. Ingram asked to be kept advised of our investigation. I told him that a brief was being prepared for the court [_____] which would outline in detail the reason for the erroneous assumptions, the nature of the investigation to determine the facts, and final conclusions. I informed Ingram that when this brief is filed with the court, we will provide a copy to the Committee. Ingram told me that subsequent to your call he contacted [_____] attorney and was informed by the attorney that he had not been aware of this and had not seen our notice to vacate. According to Ingram as of yesterday evening, EDT, the court clerk in San Francisco had not yet docketed our latest motion. Ingram seemed satisfied with the explanation.

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